CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for servicing a prepaid subscriber account in a wireless telecommunication system comprising the steps of:

receiving an incoming call to a prepaid subscriber number;

determining whether said incoming call originates with said prepaid subscriber number;

charging said prepaid subscriber account if said incoming call is from said prepaid subscriber number; and

forgoing said charge to said prepaid subscriber account if said incoming call is not from said prepaid subscriber number.

2. The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

redirecting said incoming call to a voice mail number associated with said prepaid subscriber number;

detecting a trigger attached to said incoming call; and

determining the number and association of identifiers that are present in said trigger.

3. The method as set forth in Claim 1, further comprising the step of:

responsive to determining the number and association of said identifiers included in said trigger, determining whether at least one said identifier is a called party number (CPN) associated with said prepaid subscriber; and

determining whether said called party number matches said voice mail number associated with said prepaid subscriber.

1   4.   The method as set forth in Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

2   determining whether a redirecting party identifier (RPId) is present in said

3   trigger; and

4   comparing said RPId to said CPN.

1   5.   The method as set forth in Claim 4 further comprising the step of:

2   determining whether said RPId and said CPN are identical.

1   6.   The method as set forth in Claim 5, further comprising

2   the step of:

3   responsive to a determination that said RPId and said CPN are not

4   identical, setting a charge/nocharge indicator to nocharge value.

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6   7.   The method as set forth in Claim 6, further comprising

7   the step of:

8   responsive to a determination that said RPId and said CPN are identical,

9   setting said charge/no charge indicator to charge value.

8.   A system for servicing a prepaid subscriber account in a wireless telecommunication system, comprising:

receiving communication means for receiving an incoming call to a prepaid subscriber number;

detecting means for determining whether said incoming call originates with from said prepaid subscriber number;

means for charging said prepaid subscriber account if said incoming call is from said prepaid subscriber number; and

means for forgoing said charge to said prepaid subscriber account if said incoming call is not from said prepaid subscriber number.

9.   The system as set forth in claim 8, further comprising:

redirection means for redirecting said incoming call to a voice mail number associated with said prepaid subscriber number;

detection means for detecting a trigger attached to said incoming call; and

means for determining the number and association of identifiers that are present in said trigger.

10.   The system as set forth in Claim 9, further comprising:

responsive to determining the number and association of said identifiers included in said trigger;

means for determining whether at least one identifier is a called party number (CPN) associated with said prepaid subscriber; and

comparison means for determining whether said CPN matches said voice mail number associated with said prepaid subscriber.

11. The system as set forth in Claim 8, further comprising:

detection means for determining whether a redirecting party identifier (RPId) is present in said trigger; and

means for comparing said RPId to said CPN.

12. The system as set forth in Claim 11, further comprising:

comparison means for determining whether said RPId and said CPN are identical.

13. The system as set forth in Claim 12, further comprising:

responsive to a determination that said RPId and said CPN are not identical, means for setting a charge/no charge indicator to no charge value, wherein said indicator is capable of indicating one of said charge value and said no charge value.

14. The system as set forth in Claim 12, further comprising:

responsive to a determination that said RPId and said CPN are identical, means for setting said indicator to said charge value.

15. A computer program product for use with a data processing system for servicing a prepaid subscriber in a wireless telecommunication system, the computer program product comprising:

    instructions within said computer program product for receiving an incoming call to a prepaid subscriber number;

    instructions within said computer program product for determining whether said incoming call originates with said prepaid subscriber;

    instructions within said computer program product for charging said prepaid subscriber account if said incoming call is from said prepaid subscriber; and
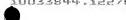
    instructions within said computer program product for forgoing said charge to said prepaid subscriber account if said incoming call is not from said prepaid subscriber number.

16. The computer program product as set forth in claim 15, further comprising:

    instructions within said computer program product for redirecting said incoming call to a voice mail number associated with said prepaid subscriber;

    instructions within said computer program product for detecting a trigger attached to said incoming call; and

    instructions within said computer program product for determining the number and association of identifiers that are present in said trigger.

17. The computer program product as set forth in Claim 15, further comprising:

responsive to determining the number and association of said identifiers included in said trigger, instructions within said computer program product for determining whether one of said identifiers is a called party number (CPN) associated with said prepaid subscriber; and

instructions within said computer program product for determining whether said called party number matches said voice mail destination number associated with said prepaid subscriber.

18. The computer program product as set forth in Claim 15, further comprising:

instructions within said computer program product for determining whether a redirecting party identifier (RPId) is present in said trigger; and

instructions within said computer program product for comparing said RPId to said CPN.

19. The computer program product as set forth in Claim 18 further comprising:

instructions within said computer program product for determining whether said RPId and said CPN are identical.

20. The computer program product as set forth in Claim 19, further comprising:

responsive to a determination that said RPI and said CPN are not identical, instructions within said computer program product for setting a charge/no charge indicator to no charge value wherein said indicator is capable of indicating one of no charge value and charge value.

1   21.   The computer program product as set forth in Claim 19,

2   further comprising:

3   responsive to a determination that said RPId and said CPN are identical,

4   instructions within said computer program

5   product for setting said indicator to said charge value.